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GoHigherKy.org helps students plan, prepare for college

More and more Kentucky students are turning to the new GoHigherKy.org Web portal to find information that helps them plan, prepare and pay for college.

“I love the site,” said Tamera Thomas, a senior at Casey County High School. “It’s the only tool I have found that actually helped me in planning for my future.”

Thomas, who’s been a cheerleader for nine years, said GoHigherKY.org helped her decide on a major.

“I had already picked my college,” she said, “but I can see how it can be a great thing for someone who hasn’t with its online applications and virtual tours. I’ve visited pretty much every part of the site, except the adult education part, and I haven’t found a single flaw.”

GoHigherKY.org went live last year and is a one-step website for college and career planning. A cooperative effort among colleges, state agencies and other organizations, the site can be used by students in grades 8-12, parents, college students, adult students and guidance counselors. Students can run free scholarship searches, transfer information to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), take virtual tours of colleges, find colleges that match their preferences and apply to colleges online.

The college planning section has checklists for students in grades 8-12. Starting with the junior year, the site provides a month-by-month list of actions college-bound students should take. The college planning section also lets students who have set up free accounts keep track of their courses and grades as they go through high school.

The Counselor Center helps counselors track their students’ progress through the college admissions process. It can be used for online chats with students and for sending e-mails to students. The center also lets counselors combine their calendar of events with students’ calendars.

To learn more about this site, go to GoHigherKy.org. For more information about college financial aid, visit www.kheaa.com or www.studentloanpeople.com.